Dissemination of education to poor and marginal classes

†2171. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.G.C. have any scheme to ensure dissemination of education among poor and marginal classes, to meet the rising necesities of economy and to encourage human rights;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final touch is likely to be given to such schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC) the UGC has been funding universities and colleges to operate relevant schemes for this purpose which *inter-alia* include:(i) Establishment of SC/ST cells in Universities, (ii) Coaching class for entry in service for SC/ST & Minorities, (iii) Financial assistance to teachers who are visually handicapped, (iv) Special scheme for Construction of Women's Hostels, (v) Special Development grants to universities and colleges located in Backward areas and vi) Human Rights' and Duties' education.

Moral Science in Schools

2172. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be plesed to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to introduce moral science as a compulsory subject in the various schools of the country in view of the fast receding moral values among the youth of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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